

Injury worries could mean defensive changes

ANKLE injuries to three key Wycombe Wanderers—John Delaney, Ian Rundle and John Maskell could cause manager Brian Lee to make changes from his successful team against Hitchin on Tuesday, for the Blues' home Isthmian League encounter with Bishops Stortford tomorrow (Saturday).

"Big John" Delaney has an inch long gash on his ankle due to a Hitchin stud which penetrated his boot. He has been at the Farnham Royal Rehabilitation Centre for treatment but is doubtful for tomorrow.

John Maskell got a knock against Tooting last Saturday while Ian Rundle went off at half time on Tuesday suffering from ruptured ligaments also in the ankle. Ian is rated as only 50-50 for the Stortford match.

If Delaney is unable to play, the chances are Robb Williams will move into the back four as on Tuesday but Dave Bul-

lock and Paul Birdseye are also in line for re-call.

CONFIDENCE

Tuesday's performance, coupled with a 3-1 FA Cup triumph at Sandy Lane last Saturday has put renewed confidence into the Wanderers. They recorded their largest victory yet against Hitchin (4-0) and at last began to really click upfront.

But the attack will have to be at its sharpest tomorrow for Bishops Stortford's main strength is in their defence. John Hounsell, Dave Lawrence and 'keeper Terry Moore make up a formidable last line of defence which has conceded only eight goals this term.

Stortford's last result was a goalless draw at Claremont Road against Hendon on Tuesday—some indication of the defensive ability. It was their third 0-0 draw of the season and so far they have had problems in scoring goals.

Only 12 have come in 11 outings, although last year's Dagenham marksman John Dear is fast approaching top form after missing the early matches through injury. Another newcomer from the Daggers is Peter Leaky. Neil Bunker, formerly with Hitchin also plays upfront.

It could well emerge as a defence v. forwards battle tomorrow, and Wycombe's attack should be tested to the full. Wanderers will be aiming to reverse their 3-1 defeat last year, which was something of a let down in their penultimate Isthmian match last season.

John Delaney and Larry Pritchard are in a squad of 16

for a friendly against Manchester United at Old Trafford on Monday. The two players, along with Wanderers Derek Gamblin and Tony Amos, trained with the England party at Bisham Abbey last week.

Wycombe supporters will be glad to hear that the new £800 tanoy system at Loakes Park should be in operation by the end of October. Wanderers committee are now looking into the possibility of re-surfacing and enlarging the car park.